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AMENDMENT

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conceded TPL exon 3, wherein the sequence of nucleotides encoding a TPL is operatively linked to an intron containing an RNA processing signal.

12. (Twice Amended) An adenovirus vector packaging cell line, comprising:

i) a stably integrated nucleic acid molecule, comprising an adenovirus tripartite leader (TPL) nucleotide sequence, said TPL nucleic sequence comprising (a) first and second different TPL exons or (b) first, second and third same or different TPL exons, said TPL exons selected from the group consisting of complete TPL exon 1, partial TPL exon 1, complete TPL exon 2 and complete

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ii) an operatively-linked promoter and a nucleic acid sequence that encodes an adenovirus structural protein,

wherein the sequence of nucleotides that encodes the TPL consists essentially of a first TPL exon operatively linked to a complete second TPL exon operatively linked to a complete third TPL exon.

101. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 100 that has the sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID No. 8.

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REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper or with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 1, 2, 4-23, 41, 47, 69 and 95-103 are presently pending in this application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 a marked up copy of the amended claims is attached hereto.

The Examiner is thanked for her courtesy in telephoning the undersigned to correct the above-amended obvious typographical errors. It also is noted, that by virtue of cancellation of claims in the previous response, inventorship may have changed in this application. This issue is under investigation, and a

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